

Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force

Action Minutes for March 28, 2005

The following minutes are a summary of actions taken by the Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force.

The Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force held its meeting at the Southern California Association of Governments offices in Los Angeles. There was a video-conference at the SCAG Inland Office in Riverside. The meeting was called to order by Chair Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica.

Committee Chair: Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica
Committee Vice Chair: Susan Longville, San Bernardino

Members Present

Bowlen, Paul
Cook, Debbie
Feinstein, Michael
Miller, Mike
Nowatka, Paul
O'Connor, Pam
Pettis, Greg (video)
Perry, Bev (call-in)
Young, Toni

Representing

Cerritos
Huntington Beach
Santa Monica
West Covina
Torrance
Santa Monica
CVAG
Brea
Port Hueneme

Members Absent

Aldinger, Jim
Garcia, Lee Ann
Longville, Susan
Ovitt, Gary

Representing

Manhattan Beach
Grand Terrace
San Bernardino
San Bernardino

New Members

None

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Pam O'Connor, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None offered.

3.0 REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

- 4.1 Minutes of January 18, 2005 approved with correction for Paul Bowlen representing Cerritos (not Manhattan Beach)
- 4.2 Minutes of the BIA/RCP Workshop, February 25th, 2005 approved with correction to Kurt Nelson of JCC Homes (not VCC Homes)

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Water

A presentation was given by SCAG staff member, Dan Griset, and a discussion of the issues on this subject ensued. Mr. Griset responded to the questioning. The task force unanimously approved a report to the EEC and directed staff to proceed on drafting the Water Chapter.

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5.2 Open Space and Habitat

A brief presentation was given by SCAG staff member Ashwani Vasishth regarding the Open Space and Habitat Chapter, summarizing that natural habitat needs to be integrated into city planning. Mr. Vasishth then introduced speaker Jennifer Wolch of USC who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Green Vision Plan that demonstrated how it would be possible to integrate Natural Habitat and City Planning. Handouts were provided.

Mr. Vasishth then introduced Dan Silver of the Endangered Habitat League who gave a presentation that explained that San Diego and Ventura County would be good models to follow for this type of integration. Mr. Vasishth called for an additional meeting with stakeholders this next month to generate such a plan.

The task force unanimously approved a report to the EEC and directed staff to proceed on drafting the Open Space and Habitat Chapter.

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

The Chair reminded SCAG staff to provide the materials from this meeting to Greg Pettis.

7.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

None

8.0 STAFF REPORT

Jacob Lieb gave a report on the activities with the Land Use Chapter.

Mark Pisano reported briefly on housing, land use, air quality issues, how CEQA affects planning, and what is happening in Sacramento with the Governor. He closed by asking the committee to take a closer look at CEQA and how it impinges on affordable housing.

9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None discussed

10.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m. The next Task Force was scheduled for April 25, 2005 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.